August THE SCOTTISH AMBASSADOR

To-day the King of Scotland's Ambassador had audience when he made known to her Majesty the dislike his master conceived at Sir William Bowes' manner of taking Ashfield away The Queen was very loud and sharp in her answer, avowing Sir William's proceedings, and saying that his departure was not forcible but voluntary, as it should appear under his own hand

$ist August ABUSES OF THE MUSTER

There is much talk of the abuses shown in this mustering, like to have lost the realm had it been put to the proof In the ships of Lord Thomas Howard and Sir Walter Ralegh the drink, fish and beef was so corrupt that it would have destroyed all the men if they had fed on it but a few days, so that they could not have kept the seas without new provision In Dorsetshire the ignorant justices with their harrying up and down of the people, chargeable and untimely musters, together with their dismayed looks and speeches, struck such fear into the honester sort and gave such hope of novelties to the beggarly and rascally sort that great disorder was like to have come of it In Sussex where the count was of 4,000 trained men there were found but 2,000. There was never Prince so deceived as her Majesty, insomuch that the Lord Admiral declared that there was not a thousand trained men in the shires nominated for the service that could so much as march in good and just order He had rather 2,000 of Sir Francis Vere's men of the Low Countries, than 8_3ooo of these called * trained * men At Fowey in Cornwall there have been found hidden in a hogshead of salt a barrel of Papistical books, as well in English as Latin, composed by sundry English seminaries and others

The *Arcadia* that Sir Philip Sidney wrote is newly printed in Scotland, according to the best edition, which will make them good cheap, but is very hurtful to Mr Ponsonby that hath the nght of imprint, for he held them at a very high rate, and now must he sell as others do or they will lie upon his hands

It is reported that the Adekntado is gone with 50 or 60 sail towards die Isknds to meet the Hollanders and to secure the Indian treasure Her Majesty's fleet is discharged this day,